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protection information being redundantly stored, at the same time, in a plurality of locations in the Lead-in area, and wherein the recording medium indicates a write protection state when write protection information read, without error, from one of the plurality of locations matches write protection information read, without error, from another one of the plurality of locations.

5. (TWICE AMENDED) A recordable and/or rewritable recording medium to record data, comprising:

a Lead-in area;

a Lead-out area; and

a user data area,

wherein the recording medium stores write protection information to protect the data recorded on the recording medium from unwanted overwriting or erasing, and

wherein the Lead-in area has a disc identification zone, wherein the write protection information is redundantly stored, at the same time, in a plurality of locations in the Lead-in area, and wherein the recording medium indicates a write protection state when write protection information read, without error, from one of the plurality of locations matches write protection information read, without error, from another one of the plurality of locations.

9. (THREE TIMES AMENDED) A recordable and/or rewritable recording medium to record data, comprising:

a Lead-in area;

a Lead-out area; and

a user data area,

wherein the recording medium stores write protection information to protect the data recorded on the recording medium from unwanted overwriting or erasing, and write protection information is redundantly stored, at the same time, in a plurality of locations in said Lead-in area, wherein the recording medium indicates a write protection state when write protection information read, without error, from one of the plurality of locations matches write protection information read, without error, from another one of the plurality of locations, and

wherein the recording medium is a recordable/reproducible recording medium satisfying a DVD (Digital Versatile Disc) specification.